



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 07781.0013-00  
SAP Reference No. 2000P0001 US01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Stefan HACK et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3623  
Application No.: 09/609,714 ) Examiner: Jonathan G. Sterrett  
Filed: June 30, 2000 )  
For: VALUE CHAIN OPTIMIZATION ) Confirmation No.: 2503  
SYSTEM AND METHOD )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

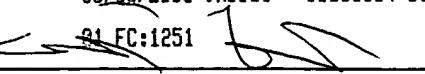
Applicants petition for a one month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of April 7, 2006. A fee of \$120.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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